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DISCRIMINATION AND PROTECTION OF MINORITIES 12 AUG. - 1 SEPT.

AGENDA ITEM 13 - DECADE AGAINST DISCRIMINATION - AUG. 24.

1. FOLLOWING SCHREIBER INTRODUCTORY REMARKS THAT NO
DOCUMENTS WERE AVAILABLE FOR THIS ITEM, KHALIFA (EGYPT),
RECALLING DEVELOPMENT DECADES, SAID THERE WERE FAILURES
AND THE DECADE AGAINST DISCRIMINATION WOULD ALSO FAIL
BECAUSE THE "BIG POWERS," THOSE WHO VOTED AGAINST RES
3377, WOULD BE PUSHING AGAINST SUCCESS. KHALIFA ALSO
CRITICIZED AND ASSOCIATE WITH SOUTH AFRICA.
IN HIS ESTIMATION, THE U.N, HAS BEEN MORE MILITANT
TOWARDS SOUTH AFRICA THAN BLACK AFRICAN COUNTRIES.

2. WITHOUT DOCUMENTS TO ATTACK OR SUPPORT, FEW MEMBERS
WERE WILLING TO INTERVENE ON THIS ITEM. CRISTESCU
(ROMANIA) PROPOSED THAT A WORKING GROUP BE SET UP TO
MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE WORLD CONFERENCE AGAINST
DISCRIMINATION (GHANA 1978).

3. AMBASSADOR CARTER (U.S.) ASKED WHAT PROPOSALS THE
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COMMITTEE TO ELIMINATE DISCRIMINATION (CERD) HAD

SUGGESTED FOR THE DECADE AND WAS TOLD BY SECT THAT THE CERD RECOMMENDATIONS WERE STILL BEING PREPARED.

4. ON BASIS THIS INFORMATION AND NOTING LACK OF DOCUMENTATION, CARTER RECOMMENDED THAT THE SC SPEND NO MORE TIME ON THE ITEM AT THIS SESSION AND CONSIDER OTHER ISSUES ON THE AGENDA.

5. SMIRNOV (USSR) SUPPORTED IDEA OF WG AND POINTED OUT THAT THE SC HAD CONCRETE INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE HRC TO MAKE PROPOSALS AND WERE, THEREFORE, OBLIGATED TO DO SO.

6. KHALIFA DISAGREED SAYING THAT WITHOUT WORKING DOCUMENTS NOTHING SUBSTANTIAL COULD BE ACCOMPLISHED BY SC AT THIS SESSION AND SUGGESTED STUDYING FINAL REPORTS AT NEXT SESSION. CARTER AGREED AGAIN CITING THE ABSENCE OF CERD RECORDS AND SUGGESTED SC AVOID DUPLICATING GROUND ALREADY COVERED. BOVEN (NETHERLANDS) RECOMMENDED THAT A WG BE ESTABLISHED TO WORK ON ISSUE BETWEEN SESSIONS.

7. THE CHAIRMAN, MARTINEZ COBO, (ECUADOR) REFERRED ISSUE TO THE BUREAU (OFFICERS FOR THIS SESSION) WHO DECIDED TO SET UP A WORKING GROUP WHICH WILL MEET THREE OR FOUR DAYS BEFORE THE NEXT SC SESSION. WORKING GROUP IS COMPOSED OF AURELIU CRISTESCU (ROMANIA); ABDELWAHAB BOUHDIBA (TUNISIA); AND MARTINEZ BAEZ (MEXICO). CATTO

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